

**Abstract** The purpose of this study was to determine whether there were differences in the prevalence of risk factors for coronary artery disease between men who had been exposed to asbestos and those who had not. A case-control study was conducted among men aged 60 years or older who had been employed by a large manufacturing company for at least 10 years. The cases were men who had been diagnosed with coronary artery disease within the previous 5 years. The controls were men who had not been diagnosed with coronary artery disease within the previous 5 years. The prevalence of risk factors for coronary artery disease was determined by a questionnaire. The results showed that the prevalence of smoking, hypertension, diabetes, and hyperlipidemia was higher among the cases than among the controls. The prevalence of exposure to asbestos was also higher among the cases than among the controls. The results suggest that exposure to asbestos may be associated with an increased prevalence of risk factors for coronary artery disease.

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